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Reply to Office Action of 04/06/2005

Application No. 09 966,042

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-24, 27-29, and 33-44 are pending with the response to this Office Action. The Applicants are canceling claims 25, 26, and 30-32.

The Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-24, 27-29, and 33-44. The Applicants also acknowledge the withdrawal of the double patenting rejection of claims 1-44 over claims 1-54 of U.S. Patent No. 6,668,177.

**Rejections under 35 USC §103(a)**

**Claims 25-26 and 30-32 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nykanen (U.S. Patent No. 6,362,841) and Pivowar (U.S. Patent No. 6,466,236) and Boehne (U.S. Patent No. 6,434,500).**

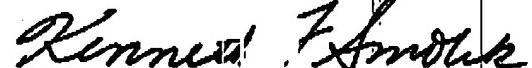
The Applicants are canceling claims 25-26 and 30-32 without prejudice.

**CONCLUSIONS**

The Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a conversation with Applicant's representative would be useful in the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to call Applicant's representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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